



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the importance of identifying and protecting our citizens from cyber threats. It is especially important that we respond effectively to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our collective security or compromise the privacy of individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure sectors increasingly rely on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS: The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, academic institutions, nonprofit and government organizations to raise awareness about cyber security and encourage citizens to implement safety and security measures when using online resources; and
- WHEREAS: The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community Voluntary Program were developed as free resources to help organizations of all kinds improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and
- WHEREAS: Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each user plays a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Georgia's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisc.org](http://www.msisc.org)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. During this month, businesses, agencies, and individuals are encouraged to visit the above-mentioned websites, as well as the Georgia Technology Authority's Enterprise Governance and Planning website (<http://gta.georgia.gov/egap/>) and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cyber security and how to put this knowledge into practice; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF